Apple Barrel

May 2010

Tropical Software
presents
TopXNotes

Saturday, May 15th

This month, join us as Tropical Software's Chuck Rogers presents their flagship product TopXNotes and all you can do with it on your Mac. this month is also marks the return of vendor tables to HAAUG – come and see what local computer vendors have to offer and learn more about what services are available locally.

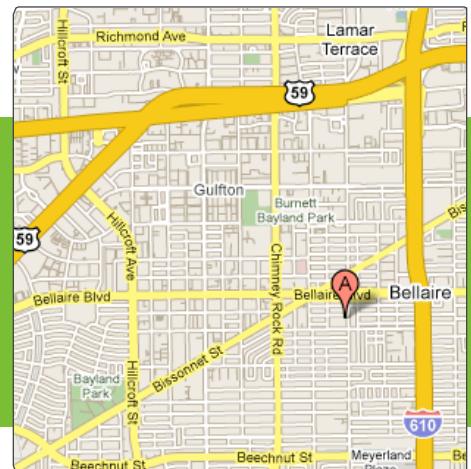SIG's start at 9am and the main meeting begins at 11:00. We'll see you there on the 15th!

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue
Bellaire, TX 77401

Just outside Loop 610 and south of Bellaire Blvd.

Dear HAAUG,

Hello fellow HAAUGers!

I want to share a short story this month about the creature comforts we're so familiar with on our Macs are very much taken for granted sometimes. In my case, I realized this on my company-issued Dell machine. It's functional for what I need, but I sure do miss my Mac applications, especially OmniFocus in this case. I use it on the Mac and my iPhone to track projects, tasks and due dates for personal and HAAUG activities, and have a great need for something similar at work. I'm a field sales rep for an industrial manufacturer and have dozens and dozens of open projects at any one time. Effectively keeping track of all the tasks for each project on paper or in your head is difficult at best.   Alas, there is no OmniFocus for the Mac. There's also no Midnight Inbox, no Things, no OmniOutliner, none of the beautiful apps I get to use on my Mac.

Because I still have the need to organize that information, I went around the Web looking for alternatives. I found an endless number of task managers, project managers and to-do list apps for both Windows and some Web-based apps. So what am I using today? None of them. They're all awful compared to OmniFocus and it's ilk on the Mac. It was during this painful exercise that I realized how elegant and fluid these Mac apps are. Sure, there are definitely ugly, confusing abominations for the Mac platform, but somehow they seem less plentiful, more rare than on the Windows platform. Microsoft was right in boasting the number of Windows apps available, but based on my observations with task management software, they're mostly garbage.

I could easily find Windows users who would deride my comments as superficial, and they'd be right. Many of the apps I found were functional and could have accomplished the job, but I still didn't want to use any of them. The level of functionality I get from their Mac cousins are so much more refined, intuitive and user-friendly that by comparison everything else seems erudite and crude. I do have some refuge in my iPhone for these tasks, but I really want something I can use my keyboard with and see in a big view like on my iMac.

I also found that, with few exceptions, there are very, VERY few apps on the market that have both a Mac and Windows versions that can sync and interoperate. For the most park, you simply cannot find your favorite Mac app on Windows. Those that are cross-platform are mediocre at best as they're designed to be completely universal and don't adopt any of the native design features of applications for each platform. (A great example of this is Chandler, a personal info manager [PIM] from the Mozilla Foundation, the same guys who make Firefox. Try it out -- it looks horrible next to any Mac app.) I searched for weeks for an app that, even with a rudimentary Windows version, could sync between the two platforms. What I did find, then, was a large crevasse between the two developer camps. With the exception of shops like Microsoft, Adobe and Apple, Mac apps are not written for Windows and vice versa. If you want to find a truly "cross-platform" app you have to go to the Web where the idea of platforms go away.

There have to be others out there forced to use two platforms with the same frustrations. If you're one of them, what's your experience like and what have you done to overcome it? Today, I admit I don't have a concrete system in place. I use paper for some, OmniFocus for some, emails in Outlook on the PC for some and my memory for the rest. It's a dangerous mix and things do slip through the cracks. As of today I'm still looking for a better system, and am not sure where I'll find it. Until then, the search is still on.

A big thank you to everyone who donates their time and energy to helping HAAUG succeed. We have big plans this year and need your talent to help make it happen. Please talk to any of the officers about helping to grow HAAUG this year; I look forward to speaking with you about it!

Matt Willmore
President, HAAUG

Betwixt and Between: Review of the iPad

Jim Connell, HAAUG Secretary

For just more than a week now I have lived with and enjoyed using a new iPad 3G. It's definitely not a laptop replacement, nor is it a smart phone. But I find I'm certainly using my laptop and iPhone less often now that I have the iPad.

Then, what is the iPad? One reviewer calls it a "couchtop." That term accurately describes how I've been using it. It is very handy for checking email and surfing the web while watching television or before I drag myself out of bed each morning (does that make it a "bedtop"?). I find myself using the iPad in restaurants and doctor's waiting rooms, for example, places where I would not consider taking my MacBook Pro.

The iPad's very best feature, in my opinion, is the iBook app. In fact, it's what convinced me to purchase the device when I tried it out at the Apple Store. Reading a book on the iPad is about as close as possible to reading a physical book, right down to turning pages. I love being able to download books just like music or videos. Apple's rival, Amazon, has graciously made a Kindle app available for the iPad, thereby greatly expanding the number of books available for purchase and download.

I believe the iPad is the future for publishing books, newspapers and magazines. Apps for reading The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times are available now.

Some have complained about the weight of the iPad. I've not found that to be an issue. Actually, I find it less tiresome to hold than a 500-page book--and the iPad can hold the electronic equivalent of many lengthy books. Furthermore, watching videos and listening to music are fantastic on this device. I can imagine that it would be a perfect companion on a long flight or a daily commute on mass transit.

If you're getting the idea that the iPad is mostly about consuming media, you're right. Creating media on the iPad is not as easy as on a laptop. The virtual keyboard is okay for short messages, but you will want a Bluetooth keyboard or the keyboard that comes with a dock for the iPad for anything longer. You will also need to purchase the Pages app to create documents. Numbers and Keynote apps are also available. Importing documents can sometimes be tricky. I have found on a few occasions that the absence of a mouse is a hindrance in negotiating web pages and, of course, the controversial lack of Flash means some websites and some videos on websites will not function at all. Strangely, the iPad doesn't come with a calculator, although a calculator app is available. Battery life is excellent, though--far better than the smaller iPhone 3GS.

3G or no 3G? I chose the 3G model because I've found with my iPhone that locating an open Wi-Fi network can be a problem when I'm away from home. I've heard others say they don't want to pay AT&T for the 3G service, and I can understand their point of view.

With the launch of the iPad, Apple has once again changed the market for electronic devices. The iPhone OS 4.0 for the iPad will launch this fall and make the iPad only better. Others such as HP (which is purchasing Palm) will follow Apple's lead. Can they top Steve Jobs's new toy? Only time will tell. I wouldn't bet on it.

QuickTip

One thing that has always annoyed me about looking at the Apps section of iTunes -- where I can see the collection of programs installed on my iPhone (and now iPad) -- is that it took *forever* to load and display the icons for 500+ apps.

Then, while exploring iTunes 9.1 for new features, I noticed that the View menu works when in the Apps category. To solve the speed issue, just select the Apps category, then choose View » As List (or just press Command-Option-3). No more delays, and there's even a bonus to using this method: you can add additional columns to the display (by Control-clicking on the header area of the display). I added Purchase Date, Kind, and Version. (Kind is *very* useful, as it's the only way I know of to find the iPad-only apps in your collection.)

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Out With the Old, In With the New: MacBook Pro Review

Tamara Sasha Alexander, HAAUG Member

Shopping for a new computer is always tasking to say the least. Shopping for a replacement laptop after 6 years of using the same machine, compiling years of data, collecting thousands of photos and not to mention years of freelance work is just plan grueling.

When I graduated college, my parents rewarded me for my efforts and accomplishments by buying me a , then, robust, top-of-the-line 15in. PowerBook G4 with all the bells a whistles an aspiring graphic artist could ever dream of. With the help of Apple's tried and true extended warranty, my prized laptop lasted longer than most desktops – which is a miracle.

The realization.
I've loved and cherished my 15in. PowerBook G4 through thick, thin and to the point of nearly drop-kicking it to the ground. Unfortunately, after three years, an upgrade to OSX Tiger, three hard drives, 4 replacement batteries, one fan replacement and 2 tune-ups, the poor thing would go no more. I suffered through endless crashes, kernel panics, abrupt freezes and the feared BLACK SCREEN OF DEATH (featuring even more terrifying lines of white text that populate the screen just like you see in sci-fi movies when a terrible virus has taken down a super computer.

Letting go.
It was time. Time to hunker down and work towards getting a new laptop.

One thing I've learned is that looking for a replacement laptop isn't as easy as just picking what you had and replacing it with the newest generation. There were some serious issues I needed to address. For one, SIZE. Screen size was possibly the most annoying and yet important factor in deciding which MacBook Pro I would get. I went back and forth for weeks between the 13in and 15in. Since I have a nifty 24in. cinema display, I didn't need the massive 17in. screen. That said, even though I had come accustom to my nice medium-sized 15in., I found that I probably didn't need that much real estate from day to day. Plus, I wasn't using my expensive cinema display nearly enough to justify the money I had put down a couple of years ago to buy it, so back and forth again I went – 13in. or 15in…

Finally, one week ago exactly, I had decided on the 13in. 2.66GHz with the yummy 10 hour battery and Core 2 Duo processor. Yes, some may say, "But for only $300 more you could have gotten 2 more inches AND the i5 processor!" To those people, maybe you, I say it isn't worth $300 to me to have 2 more inches of screen space, nor the secondary graphics card, nor the faster processor. Well… ok, maybe it is worth the mere additional $300, BUT I didn't have an extra $300 to spare.

The unveiling.
The day I received my nice, new and shinny laptop, I actually waited about 2 hours before even opening the box. I was frankly scared. Scared that something would go wrong during the migration of my 6 years of photos, music, software and most importantly work.
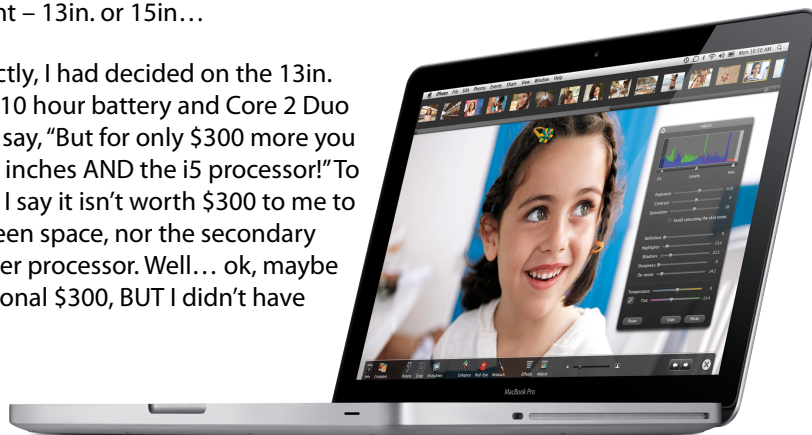
I finally opened the beautiful package and there is was – slick and futuristic looking. Even though my PowerBook G4 was is near perfect condition, minus the small indent on the right-hand speaker, it looked aged compared to the new MacBook Pro. I could almost feel my old PowerBook say to me, "Did I do something wrong? Don't you love me?"

After gazing at the new seamless casing of the new MacBook Pro for nearly 10 minutes, I finally pressed the power button. It seemed like an eternity while I watch it boot up for the first time. And then, my favorite part, the ever-famous Apple introduction. No matter how many times I've seen the intro for OSX Tiger and Leopard, it always gives me goose bumps. And scene.

Moment of truth.
Time for major decisions to be made. To migrate from a laptop that barely stays running when trying to Google something in Safari or to start fresh…? It was risky, but it would all be worth it. I clicked on Continue and the "From another Mac" and then right away Migration Assistant asked me to do something that I wasn't sure on how to do as even though my old PowerBook featured FireWire 400, the new MacBook Pro only offers FireWire 800 and thus I didn't have the proper means to connect the two. Which meant that my next option was to use a basic Ethernet cord to hook up the two together and I had never had experience doing that before.
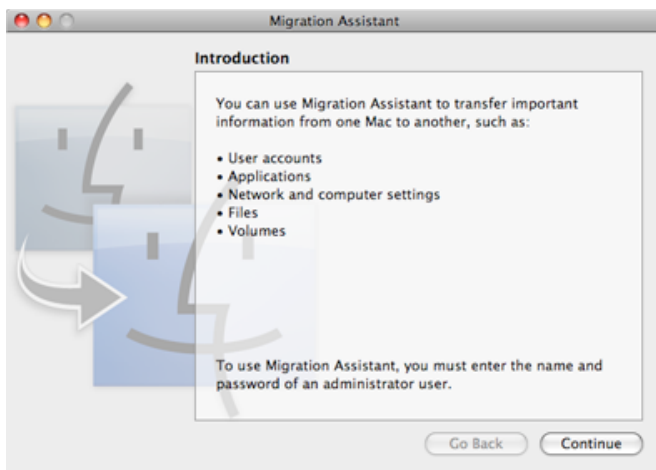
The sync up was easy, just a simple "type in the numbers you see on the opposing screen" instructions. But the next part – the actual migration – is what I feared the most. I closed my eyes and initiated the migration of 6 years of information and software. I kept expecting the process to fail at any moment as the estimated time increased and decreased as my old account on the PowerBook was vacuumed into the new MacBook Pro.

1 hour and 32 minutes later – done. No crashes, no hiccups, no freezes, no worries and now just disbelief that all had gone well. All my software, photos, music, etc. transferred as if I never changed laptops. Thank goodness.

It's scary to let go, especially when you have 6 years of use in a computer, but thanks to Apple the migration to more advanced technology is fairly easy.
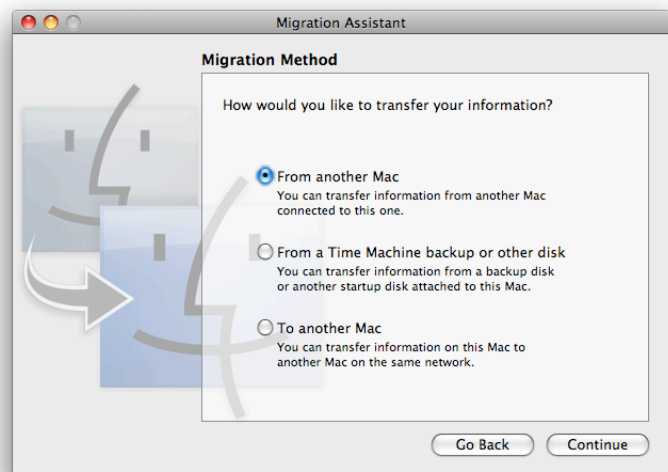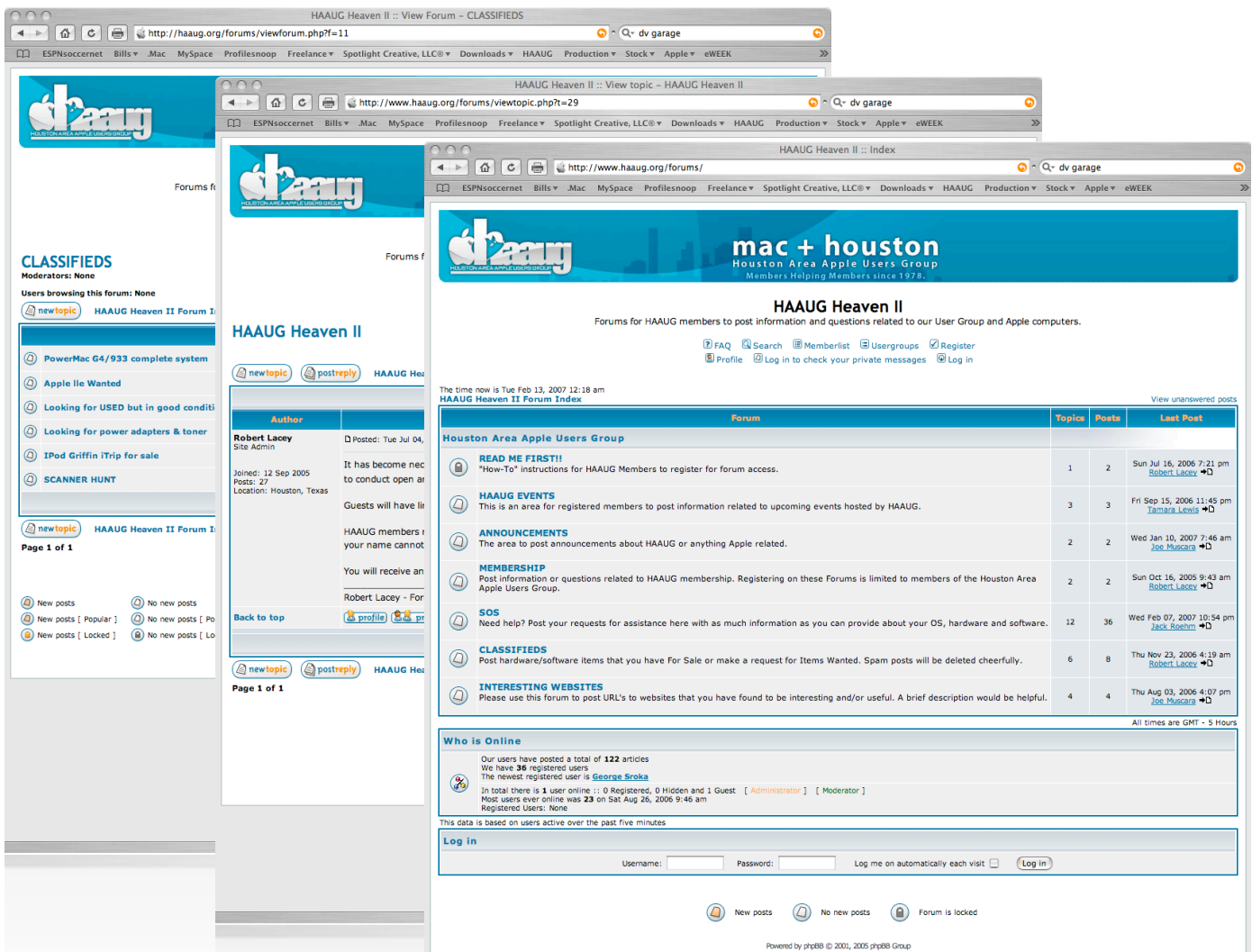
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Location: Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., 2617 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas.

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Barbara Long (via iChat), Rick Roberts, Ed Truitt (via iChat), Matt Willmore, and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:35 p.m. by President Matt Willmore, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on March 2, 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara reported that HAAUG has about $8,800 in the bank. Barbara has paid all bills she has received.

1st Vice President – Programming – Doug Smith: No Report.

2nd Vice President Facilities – Open: Phil Booth reported that on April 17, the date of the April General Meeting, an art show adjacent to Bellaire Civic Center will make parking difficult for those attending the HAAUG General Meeting. The parking lot adjacent to the building will be closed. The school parking lot across the street from the Bellaire Civic Center will be open but will likely fill up during the morning, since the art show is expected to draw a large crowd.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick announced that he does not plan to make any changes to the SIGs scheduled for April General Meeting. Again this month all of the SIGs will be held in the morning. Matt reported that Intuit has offered to provide HAAUG a presentation on Quicken and QuickBooks with free software for a drawing. The board discussed reserving the presentation for a future Main Presentation or for a special SIG.

Apple Barrel Editor– Open: No report.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 207 members at the end of March 2010, a decrease of three members from February 2010, and a decrease of 9 members from March 2009. Three new members joined HAAUG last month and one lapsed member renewed. Three members renewed for two years and five members renewed their membership via Kagi.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Jeff reported by email that the servers are working normally and that the FileMaker servers have been upgraded to version 10 advanced with no complaints.

HAAUG Heaven Sysop - Open: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

MacFest - Phil Booth: Phil Booth and Greg Wright will review the companies who were represented at this year's Macworld Expo to determine who might be available for a MacFest this year. Phil will call a meeting of the MacFest Committee for Tuesday, April 13. Anyone who wants to participate is invited.

Lapsed Member Call List: Matt Willmore and Jim Connell reported they have contacted the members on their respective lists whose membership lapsed between January and September of last year. As a result of the contacts, four lapsed members have agreed to renew their membership. Barbara Long will prepare a new list of lapsed members from October 2009 through February 2010.

April General Meeting: Joe Muscara will make a presentation on GarageBand for the Main Presentation for the April General Meeting. Phil Booth will work with the City of Bellaire to improve the public address system in the main meeting room at Bellaire Civic Center. The board discussed alternatives for HAAUG purchasing its own speaker system for use at the General Meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Content for the April Apple Barrel: The deadline for submission of content for the next Apple Barrel is April 10, 2010. Matt would like to receive content for the newsletter and offered to get a book or software program for free, if someone is willing to write a review on the book or software program. For example, the membership would benefit from a review of Mac utilities programs.

Vision Committee Meeting: The Vision Committee met on March 17, 2010. Joe Fournet has taken Clair Jaschke's notes and prepared and distributed minutes of the meeting to the board. The meeting focused on steps that can be taken to enhance HAAUG's web presence. Ed Truitt, David and Clair Jaschke, Greg Wright and Matt Willmore have formed a committee to address the web presence issues. Ed Truitt will chair the committee. The committee will inventory what HAAUG has and where it is located, and determine the result we wish to achieve, in coordination with Tamara Alexander and Jeff Davis. The board also discussed moving to annual billing for the MacHighway and FileMaker hosting service, if it will provide save money. Matt will discuss the issue with Jeff Davis and Rex Covington.

Programming Committee Report: At a meeting last month, Andrew Easter, Greg Wright and Matt Willmore developed a preliminary spreadsheet with topics Greg and Andrew had previously developed, together with suggestions from other members. They will finalize the spreadsheet and send it to the board.

Rick Roberts suggested having a vendor appreciation day at an upcoming General Meeting. Vendors would be invited to set up tables in the foyer area and possibly explain their services at a Main Presentation. The committee will consider Rick's suggestion.

Alternative Services for HAAUG Hotline: The current arrangement for the HAAUG Hotline costs HAAUG about $700 a year and includes a listing for HAAUG in the telephone book.

Greg Wright reported to the board on the following alternatives for the HAAUG Hotline:

1.   RingCentral (**www.ringcentral.com**) could provide the same functions of the current Hotline (excluding the phone book listing), with the option for a local number or an 800 number, at a cost of $10 per month; and

2.   Phonebooth (**www.phonebooth.com**) would give HAAUG 200 free minutes a month and a free local number and would also provide all of the services we have today, except the phone book listing, at essentially no cost to HAAUG.

The board feels that the telephone book listing generates few, if any, of the contacts received on the current Hotline and that most of those who contact HAAUG by telephone get the telephone number from HAAUG's website or elsewhere on the Internet. The board deferred a decision on the HAAUG Hotline, so that Matt may discuss with Jeff the cost of having IAPC continue hosting the Hotline with the local number we have today but without a telephone book listing.

The board discussed the feasibility of getting a debit or credit card to pay expenses such as hosting the website and HAAUG Hotline but reached no decision on the issue.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

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Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Saturday, June 19th, 2010

WWDC Recap, New iPads, New MacBooks (...and new iPhones???)
Apple's own Dreux Ste. Marie will join us once again as we go over all the latest from the Worldwide Developer Conference and discuss Apple's new iPad, updated MacBooks, and any other goodies we have yet to see.
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Saturday, July 17th, 2010

HAAUG Swap Meet
It's time once again for the semi-annual Swap Meet! Dust off those old boxes and unloved iPod accessories; there's someone at the Swap Meet looking to trade those trinkets for a little cash. Online signup will begin soon.
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Find out the latest news on future HAAUG meetings...
www.haaug.org/meetings.htm

May 2010 SIG Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101	Social Media
10 a.m.		Digital Photography
11 a.m.	Club Business	
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: Chuck Rogers / Tropical Software's TopXNotes	
1 p.m.	Late Lunch SIG TBA	

Peter Cohen Presents (via iChat) Aperture 3

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Mac 101 & Fundamentals: Jonathan Mangus - The SIG for basic to advanced Macintosh topics.

Digital Photography: Andrew Polk – Bring your cameras, bring your photos and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

Social Media: Matt Willmore – Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.

Ad hoc: Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. The HAAUG SIG Coordinator is Rick Roberts. If you have a topic that you think warrants a SIG, please see Rick (large, bearded fellow) at the meeting, or email him at rroberts@me.com. Be ready to volunteer to lead the SIG!

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Software Libraries

HAAUG maintains public domain and shareware libraries for the Apple II, Macintosh and Newton systems. HAAUG also distributes system software for the Macintosh (7.0.1 and earlier), Newton and all Apple II series computers. HAAUG has been designated by Apple Computer to be the Central United States Repository for Apple II Software.

Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

HAAUG Heaven is our 24-hour meeting place with several gigabytes of downloadable software, helpful information and discussions on all topics of computing, all accessible at rates from DSL speeds down to 33,600 bps.

HAAUG Heaven

HAAUG Heaven provides each member with an internet e-mail address allowing exchange of world-wide electronic mail. Many discussion topics and many internet newsgroups make the answers to your questions as close as your keyboard.

Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel. The Barrel's content is also available to members on HAAUG Heaven in Adobe Acrobat format.

Mentor Program

The HAAUG Mentor Program puts people with hardware, software, system or network problems in contact with volunteers who can provide solutions. Contact with the mentors can be made through the HAAUG Hotline, HAAUG Heaven, e-mail or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, Newton, internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 713-522-2179 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 300 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable - a HAAUG membership.

Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at **www.haaug.org**.

HAAUG's New Facebook + MySpace Pages

Club Announcement

We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out.

Starting this month, the basic frameworks for HAAUG's NEW Facebook and MySpace pages have been created thanks to HAAUG President Matt Willmore.
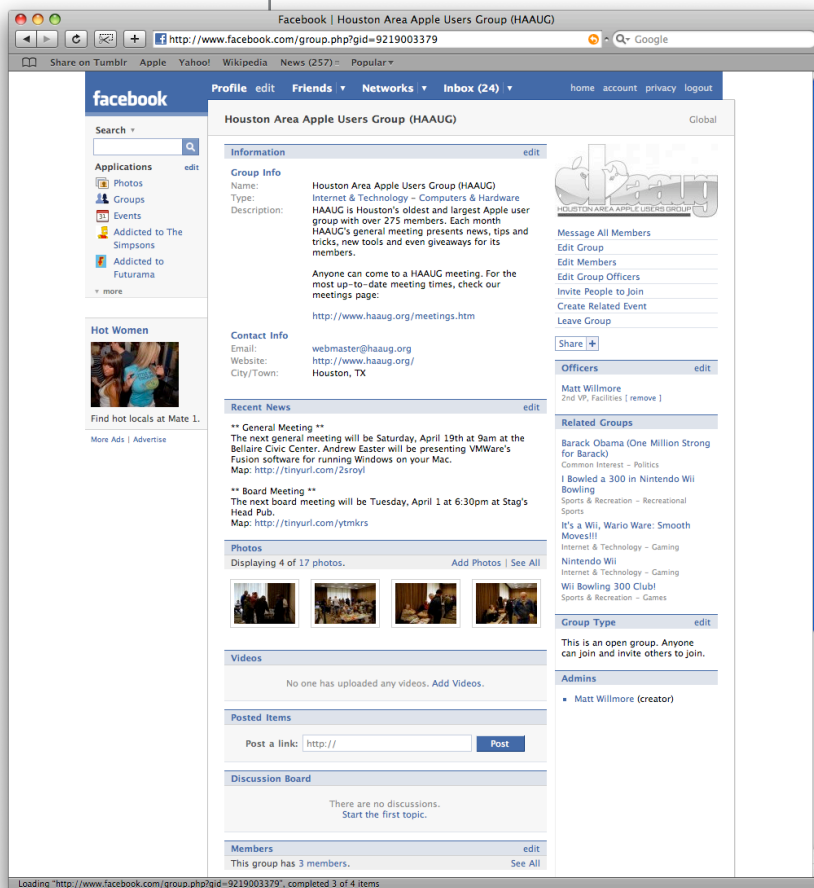
Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9219003379

(must be a Facebook member to view)

MySpace:

http://groups.myspace.com/haaug (open to the public)

These pages are part of a larger plan drafted by the Vision Committee to create more of an outreach to potential HAAUG members in the Houston area and beyond. Both Facebook and MySpace have been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting youth that otherwise may not have become aware of organizations such as HAAUG.

We highly recommend that current members pass along this information to fellow Apple Users and take a quick look for yourself at our progress.